

DATE: 01/02/01

REPLACES: General Administration #18, dated 02/6/97

ISSUING OFFICE: OFM 496-3368

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
Claims Collection

Authorities Delegated

1. To compromise, terminate, or suspend collection of non-employment related claims of the National Institutes of Health under the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3711, 3716-18), **not to exceed \$20,000** exclusive of interest, after exhausting administrative actions to collect payment in full.
2. To take action on or recommend to the Secretary, DHHS, or authorized DHHS officials, as appropriate, cases or necessary actions concerning non-employment related claims under the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3711, 3716-18), **not to exceed \$20,000**.

To Whom DelegatedArea of Authority

Deputy Director for Management

NIH

Director, Office of Financial
Management

NIH

Assistant Director for Finance

NIH

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Limitations/Guidance

1. These authorities shall be exercised in accordance with the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 4 CFR Parts 101-105, the DHHS Claims Collection Regulations, 45 CFR Part 30, and DHHS General Administration Manual Chapter 4-50.
2. Each of the authorities delegated above must be exercised in accordance with all applicable DHHS and NIH regulations and policies.
3. Claims in excess of \$20,000 must be reported to the Department of Justice.
4. Subject to current DHHS policy and procedures, these authorities include the assignment of accounts receivable to private collection agencies or to contract out for these services.
5. All previous delegations of authority inconsistent with the provisions of this delegation are superseded.

Redelegation

These authorities may not be redelegated.

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Citations

1. 5 U.S.C. 302; 31 U.S.C. 3711, 3715-3720E, 3721;
42 U.S.C. 216
2. 4 CFR Parts 101-105; 45 CFR Part 30
3. Debt Collection Improvements Act of 1996, Section 31001
(31 U.S.C. 3701 note)
4. Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, as amended
(15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.)
5. DHHS General Administration Manual Chapter 4-50
6. Secretary's Reorganization Order of September 25, 1995
(60 FR 51480 (Oct. 2, 1995))
7. Memorandum to PHS Agency Heads from the Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Health (Management and Budget), PHS, dated
July 27, 1995, entitled: "Delegation of Authority -
Federal Claims Collection Act (31 USC 3711)"

/s/

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Effective Date: January 2, 2001